

The Calimesa SDA Church is Making Plans for In-person Worship

The Southeastern California Conference (SECC) has created a plan which churches must follow as they move toward in-person worship. The plan has several levels. This letter is an explanation of *Level 1: Return to Church with Strict Limits* which we are planning to implement on **July 11, 2020**. However, we will be considering changing circumstances and postpone opening if necessary. We will move to *Level 2* based on the Covid-19 Committee recommendation in consultation with conference personnel.

At **8:30 am**, there will be a live, one hour, service for **100 attendees. Physical distancing and face coverings will be required for all participants.** This service will be available simultaneously online via Livestream. While all are welcome online, we **strongly encourage vulnerable members and guests** to worship in this manner. During the *Level 1* period, there will not be any in-person Sabbath School programs for any age group.

The requirements for attending this service will be:

1. All attendees, except children 2 and younger, will be required to wear face coverings. Please wear your face covering as you arrive for the service. If you do not have a face covering, you will be given one before you enter the facility (at this time the church has a limited supply of masks).
2. The required physical distancing (currently 6 feet) will be enforced. Families from the same household will be able to enter and sit together.
3. Attendees will need to sign up ahead of time on-line or by calling the church office (Instructions on separate page). **Please respect the health of fellow attendees by staying home, even if you have signed up, if you feel sick or are experiencing any symptoms of an illness.**
4. Attendees will be required to submit a Covid-19 assessment, via their smart phone or verbally to a screening greeter when they arrive. The assessment must be completed on the day of attendance. (Instructions on separate page including the QR code narrative)
5. Attendees must follow the prescribed "traffic flow" into and out of the church. The flow will be well marked with deacons to help direct attendees.
6. Online giving is highly encouraged at this time. Offerings will be collected as attendees exit.
7. Congregational singing, hugging and handshakes will not be allowed at this time.
8. Attendees will not be allowed to congregate in the building or along the "traffic" routes.
9. The church has, and will continue to, participate in a disinfection protocol (documentation available on request) and hand sanitizer will be provided as you enter and exit the facility.
10. Restrooms will be available but, to minimize risk, use is discouraged.

Note: Although the church is following all protocols to help prevent infections, anyone who attends services does so at their own risk. SECC requires us to track attendees for the purposes of future communication should an attendee test positive for the virus.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to provide a meaningful worship experience under the SECC guidelines. Please remember that this is a temporary situation and we look forward to eventually returning to a "normal" worship service in the future.